

Fertile City Council Minutes November 8, 2010

The Fertile City Council held its regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, November 8th, 2010 at the Community Center. Present were: Mayor Brian Nephew and Council members Trish Thorson, Dennis Hasler, Dan Gisvold and Todd Wise.

Barry Robertson was unable to attend the meeting so there was no report from Fair Meadow Nursing Home.

Libby Eid reported on volunteer activity at the Nature Center. There were some 35.5 hours put in at the Center for the month of October.

Upon review of the October minutes, Council member Thorson, seconded by Council member Hasler, moved to approve them. The motion carried.

After review of the Treasurer's Report and Bills, Council member Thorson, seconded by Council member Hasler, moved that they be approved. The motion carried.

The Council then reviewed Resolution #11-2010 canvassing the votes from the November 2nd election. Council member Hasler, seconded by Council member Thorson, moved to approve the resolution. The motion carried.

The Council then considered renewal of the liquor and beer permits for: 1. MDS Food and Beverage (The Other Place) - Off sale and On sale liquor and beer. 2. Sand Hill Supper Club ó On and Off sale liquor and beer and Sunday license. 3. Oliver's Bar and Grill ó On and Off sale liquor and beer. 4. Fertile Wine and Spirits ó Off sale liquor and beer. The staff will insure they follow the proper procedures before issuing licenses. Council member Hasler, seconded by Council member Thorson, moved to approve the issuances. The motion carried.

Kevin Nephew, Public Works Superintendent, then reported to the Council. The new airport beacon was in, and some four street lights were to be replaced. A new remote control transferring the transfer of water from the plant to the tower was in place and working. There was also discussion on putting up the Christmas decorations before the downtown Christmas events.

Dan Wilkens, representing the Sand Hill Watershed District, came before the Council to discuss drainage problems, especially in the northwest area of the airport. Mayor Nephew pointed out that this was necessary to work with a state requested long range plan for the airport. After some discussion, Council member Wise, seconded by Council member Hasler, moved to have the Mayor sign a letter to the Watershed Board asking them to help with the study. The motion carried.

Then Administrator Frohrip asked for the formation of a Health Savings Account to help with the rising health insurance costs. The Council would need to have this in place before the end of the year when the current insurance contract ends. This year most of the 3% salary increase would go into the Benefit Allowance at the employee's discretion. Council member Gisvold, seconded by Council member Thorson, moved to put the Benefits Allowance up to \$7,400. The motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Brian Nephew, Mayor

John J. Frohrip, City Administrator